

COTTON AS A WEALTH PRODUCER

The South is the great cotton grower of the world, but she has grown cotton not to enrich herself but other sections of this and of other countries.

But a great deal of money has been made out of cotton by others besides the growers. Everybody that handled it after it left the plantation made something out of it.

The fine showing made by the mills already established in the South has centered attention on the cotton mill and as a result there are now movements for the establishment of mills in States where they were little thought of.

It was shown that a crop of cotton which required 2,800,000 laborers to grow and get ready for market brought \$246,000,000, or a wage of \$90 to each hand for a year's work.

Now, if that cotton were spun and woven in the cotton States, not only would \$246,000,000 be paid to the producers of the raw staple but the enormous sum of \$746,000,000 would be paid for manufacturing outside those States.

These are interesting facts and figures, not only for the people of Louisiana but of every cotton-producing State, for they apply to one as much as to another.

There were 225 voting machines used at the last election in the State of New York. They all worked well but seven, and that wasn't the fault of the machines, but of the fellows who operated them.

It is said that the Boers have sent word to Cecil Rhodes that if they catch him they will put him in a cage, show him around and then turn him over to Oom Paul. A good deal of pressure will have to be brought to bear on Cecil to get him into this show business.

flowed into it. The places which started with little besides their water powers and the thrift and energy of the people grew into cotton manufacturing centers, the mills attracted other industries, people flocked to them and they became both populous and wealthy.

What New England people have done the Southern people can surely do, for they have shown what they can do in the successful establishment and operation and the multiplication of mills, every one of which has added to the wealth of the community in which it is located.

The resolution introduced by Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, Tuesday, directing the Navy Department to transmit to the Senate any papers in its possession bearing upon the alleged recognition of the Filipinos as our allies before the cessation of the Philippines to this country by Spain presents some pertinent inquiries.

A large number of the inhabitants of the town of Wolcott, N. Y., are hobbling around on canes, victims of a peculiar disease which puzzles the doctors.

An English Duke boasts that he has ten nephews in the army fighting against the Boers, or on their way there. It is said that Oom Paul has fifty grandsons in the Boer army and isn't boasting a bit about it.

According to the State superintendent of railroads in Pennsylvania, the railroads of that State employ 296,628 persons who receive in wages annually \$143,664,642, \$8,000,000 of which goes to officials, the rest to working people.

H. C. Frick has left the Carnegie Company and joined another company. There was too much friction between him and Carnegie.

It is Meeting With Hearty Approval by Newspaper Publishers Everywhere. [Charlotte News, 12th.]

Congressman Bellamy, of the Sixth Congressional district, of Mecklenburg is a part, introduced a bill in Congress yesterday that goes straight to the heart of all newspaper publishers in the United States.

THE CAROLINA CENTRAL. The stockholders' meeting adjourned yesterday 7th December 28th.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives.

SENATOR PRITCHARD'S RESOLUTION. All sorts of resolutions are introduced in Congress, some of which are about as much out of place there as they would be in a church conference.

If the original amendments, which Senator Pritchard says this proposed amendment will nullify, were before the Senate for discussion then the question of their constitutionality might be discussed, but for the Senate to undertake to discuss and pass upon the constitutionality of an act which is not yet in existence, and in a sovereign State, is simply an absurdity.

The remains were borne to Oakdale cemetery by a great cortege and were sorrowfully deposited in the grave. The grave was covered with numerous and very handsome floral designs.

The funeral of little Miss Eugenia Fore, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fore, of Charlotte, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Presbyterian Church in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased and her sorrowing parents.

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Mr. G. Walker, of Cape Fear township, who was here yesterday, spoke of the advisability of the commencement at once of permanent improvement to the Scott's Hill road.

Mr. Stephen Jewett and Miss Isabel R. Carpenter, daughter of Mr. Alfred Carpenter, all of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, 405 North Third street.

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OBSEQUIES OF MR. GILES.

Impressive Services Yesterday Morning at St. James' Church, Attended by An Immense Throng of People.

Services for the burial of the dead were said at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning at St. James Episcopal church over the remains of the lamented Mr. Norwood Giles, who departed this life on Monday forenoon.

The services were solemn and impressive. Mr. E. H. Munson was organist and the choir was composed of Miss Lola Martin, Miss Elizabeth Waddell, Mr. A. S. Holden, and Mr. J. Van B. Metts.

The only other matter of interest considered at the meeting was the examination and approval of the November statement of County Treasurer H. McL. Green.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fore, formerly of Wilmington but now of Charlotte, will sincerely sympathize with them in the death of their eldest daughter, Eugenia, aged 12 years, which occurred at their home in Charlotte yesterday afternoon, of appendicitis.

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COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REFUSES GALLOWAY CLAIM

Content Against Judge Battle's Ruling That Pickpocket Victim Should be Reimbursed Out of Forfeited Bonds.

It was decided at the regular meeting of the County School Board held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, that payment of \$32 to Mr. A. J. Galloway, of Goldsboro, of the forfeited bonds of the pickpockets, who defaulted at the Spring term of the Criminal Court, be refused, the order of Judge Battle enjoining payment of this amount to the party named to the contrary notwithstanding.

At the last term of the court Judge Battle ordered the amount, less court costs and the \$32 laid claim to by Mr. Galloway, paid into the school fund. The board yesterday afternoon decided that it was proper to pay the costs of the case but that from no legal standpoint did they consider themselves liable to Mr. Galloway in the sum named.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have been incendiary. No one had been at the stable in five hours. A reliable person who passed the stable at 10 o'clock, says there was no evidence of fire then.

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BURGAU FIRE-SWEPT LAST SUNDAY NIGHT.

Two Livery Stables and Seven Horses, and W. D. Croom & Bro.'s Stock of General Merchandise Destroyed.

Fire broke out on the front portion of the feed room in the livery stable of Mr. W. N. Rivenbark's livery and stable, on the north side of Fremont or main street. The ringing of the court house bell aroused the entire population, and the men fought the fire heroically, but before the flames were stayed about \$7,000 to \$8,000 worth of property was destroyed.

The flames communicated to the store of Messrs. W. D. Croom & Bro., separated from the stables by a fifteen foot alley, and their building and stock of general merchandise were consumed, very few goods being saved.

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MR. NORWOOD GILES.

He Passed Away Yesterday Morning at 11:30 O'clock Surrounded by Loved Ones—Obsequies To-morrow.

Wilmington yesterday lost one of her most prominent and highly esteemed citizens in the death of Mr. Norwood Giles, who passed away at 11:30 A. M. at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary V. Walker, on Front and Chestnut streets.

The subject of this sketch grew up to manhood in this city and began his business life as clerk to General William MacRae, general superintendent of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, the name of which was afterwards changed to the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad.

Mr. Giles took an active interest in the affairs of Wilmington, and was the first chairman of the board of Auditors Finance when it was organized. To him is attributed the credit of conceiving the usefulness of and suggesting the scope of the board. He was therefore made its first chairman, and the affairs of the board to-day are conducted in accordance with rules which he introduced in its early organization.

Nearly twenty years ago Mr. Giles and Mr. Pembroke Jones organized the Carolina Rice Milling Company of this city, and built the Carolina Rice Mill, which now stands on Chesnut street, between Front and Water streets. They afterwards built a mill at Washington, N. C., and acquired one at Goldsboro. All these mills were known as the Carolina Rice Mills up to about four or five years ago, when several mills at New Orleans were taken into an organization known as the National Rice Milling Company, organized through the instrumentality, and influence of Messrs. Jones and Giles.

Mr. Giles was a man of decided talent and culture. In manner he was possessed of the most pleasant urbanity, and his courteousness marked him as a true Southern gentleman. He was noted among his acquaintances for his originality and keen wit, and his wondrous pleasantries made him a most companionable man. He was a man of extensive acquirements and wide reading, and perhaps was the best informed man in this community as to the ornithology of this region.

Mr. Giles was twice married. His first wife was Miss Eliza M. Walker, daughter of the late Thos. D. Walker, and one daughter survives this union. His second marriage was with Miss Virginia Strong, daughter of the late Judge Geo. V. Strong, of Raleigh. They have two sons—Mr. Norwood Giles, Jr., who holds a position with the Standard Rice Company, at New York, and Mr. John Norwood Giles, who is a member of the Sophomore Class in Columbia College, New York.

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DUPLIN CO. RT. Verdict for \$500 in the Case of Rush Against the W. & W. Railroad Company.

Junius Davis, Esq., and L. V. Grady, Esq., returned last evening from Kenansville, where they have been in attendance on the Superior Court of Duplin county. They were counsel in the case of Joseph Rush against the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company for damages.

This was a suit for damages in the amount of \$5,000 which the plaintiff claimed on account of injuries received by the running away of his team, the complaint alleging that the accident was caused by the negligence of the defendant railroad company. The complaint set forth that a locomotive had been left standing on the track in a frequented place, and that the team became frightened by the engine and ran away, throwing the plaintiff out of the vehicle.

The case had been carried to the Supreme Court, which found that there was no error and remanded the case for the jury to fix the damages. It was tried yesterday, and last night the jury awarded a verdict for \$500.

Messrs. Junius Davis and H. L. Stevens appeared for the railroad, and Judge W. R. Allen, A. D. Ward, Esq., and L. V. Grady, Esq., were counsel for the plaintiff.

Opinions Handed Down in a Number of Cases at Yesterday's Session. [Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—The following opinions were handed down today by the Supreme Court: Abernathy vs. Manufacturing Company, from Gaston, per curiam affirmed. Everett vs. Spencer, from Swain, per curiam, judgment against defendant for costs (the matter had previously been settled by the parties). Mizell vs. McGowan, from Pitt, new trial. Life Association vs. Thompson, secretary, from Wake, affirmed. Quinn vs. Sexton, from Wake, affirmed. Potts vs. Dulin, from Mecklenburg, modified and remanded. State vs. Gatewood, from Union, appeal dismissed. State vs. Griffin, from Union, affirmed. State vs. Hawkins, from Cleveland, new trial. Walton vs. Bristol, from Burke, reversed. Davis vs. Blevins, from Ashe, affirmed. Herring vs. Pugh, from Sampson, appeal dismissed. Railroad vs. King, from Guilford, affirmed. Wilson vs. Foster, from Burke, motion for certiorari allowed.

CHAS. W. BALLARD KILLED. Affray in a Bar Room at Jerome, N. C., Which Ended Fatally. [Special Star Correspondence.]

SMITHFIELD, N. C., December 11.—News reached Smithfield yesterday of a shooting at Jerome, N. C., a station on the A. C. L. railroad between Selma and Keno, which resulted in the death of Chas. W. Ballard, a bar-keeper of the place. The affray occurred in Ballard's bar room. It seems that Alford Brown, a notorious character of that section, was there drunk and upon being asked to pay an account due Ballard, cursed the latter, whereupon Ballard drew a beer bottle on him and attempted to put him out of the bar, when Brown stabbed him in the chest, from the effects of which he died in about one hour. Ballard was well known in that section of Johnston county.

THE MOTHER OF THE LATE GOV. THOMAS HOLT, widow of the late Gov. Burlington, where she had gone to see a sick sister. She was one of the wealthiest ladies in North Carolina.

STORY OF A SLAVE. To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This quick remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.